

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, said metal strands comprising twisted metal filaments, wherein at least one of said strands comprises a weld part wherein said strand is interrupted and welded together, wherein the elongation at rupture of said strand at said weld part is at least 30% of the elongation at rupture of said strand away from said weld part ~~characterized in that at least one strand is welded, said welded strand having an elongation at rupture of more than 30% of the elongation at rupture of an identical strand without weld.~~
2. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the force of rupture of said strand at said weld part is more than 30% of the force at rupture of said strand away from said weld part ~~said welded strand having a force at rupture of more than 30% of the force at rupture of an identical strand without weld.~~
3. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the diameter at the weld part of ~~said welded strand~~ is less than 1.2 times the optical strand diameter of said ~~welded strand~~ away from said weld part.
4. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, at least one of said metal strands is not welded.
5. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, only one metal strand is welded.
6. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 5, wherein said metal cord comprises having a welded part with a welded part length, wherein the other of the said at least two strands is ~~is~~ [[being]] not welded in said welded part, wherein said welded part is ~~is~~ [[being]] at least 2.5 times a ~~a~~ [[the]] lay length of said metal cord.

7. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, [[said]] wherein an optical cord diameter of said metal cord is ~~metal cord having an optical cord diameter~~ less than 14mm.
8. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 7, wherein the optical cord diameter of said metal cord ~~is having an optical cord diameter~~ less than 2.5mm.
9. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein an optical strand diameter of said metal strands ~~is having an optical strand diameter~~ less than 5mm.
10. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 9, wherein the optical strand diameter of said metal strands ~~is having an optical strand diameter~~ less than 0.9mm.
11. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a diameter of said metal strands comprising metal filaments, said filaments ~~is having a diameter~~ smaller than 1.15mm.
12. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 11, wherein the diameter of said metal strands comprising metal filaments, said filaments ~~is having a diameter~~ smaller than 0.25mm.
13. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein said metal cord ~~is~~ [[being]] a steel cord.
14. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the force at rupture of said metal cord in said weld part is at least 50% of the force at rupture of said metal cord away from said weld part ~~said metal cord having a force at rupture of more than 50% of an identical metal cord without a welded strand.~~
15. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the elongation at rupture of said metal cord in said weld part is at least 80% of the elongation at rupture of said metal

~~cord away from said weld part said metal cord having an elongation at rupture of more than 80% of an identical metal cord without a welded strand.~~

16. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1 ~~Use of a metal cord as in claim 1, for reinforcing polymer or rubber belts.~~
17. (Currently Amended) An elevator belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1 ~~Use of a metal cord as in claim 1, in elevator or hoisting belts.~~
18. (Currently Amended) A timing belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1 ~~Use of a metal cord as in claim 1, in timing belts.~~
19. (Currently Amended) A hoisting cable, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1 ~~Use of a metal cord as in claim 1, as hoisting cable or control cable or window elevator cable.~~
20. (New) A reinforced rubber belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
21. (New) A hoisting belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
22. (New) A control cable, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
23. (New) A window elevator cable, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
24. (New) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein all filaments of the interrupted strand in the weld part are interrupted filaments that are welded together.
25. (New) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the weld part comprises two strand ends that have been welded together.
26. (New) A metal cord as in claim 25, wherein the two strand ends are welded face to face.
27. (New) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than a lay length of said strand away from said weld part.

28. (New) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than 75% of the lay length of said strand away from said weld part.
29. (New) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than 65% of the lay length of said strand away from said weld part.
30. (New) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than 50% of the lay length of said strand away from said weld part.